Withdrawal of unviable services by Indian Airlines

5. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has sought permission from Government to withdraw services from 50 commercially unviable sectors;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that if the proposal is implemented, the Indian Airlines is likeJy to earn more profits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Joint venture on metro airports

6. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to float a joint venture of Airports Authority of India (AAI) with private corporates for all the metro airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India on the 12th January, 2000 approved restructuring of the airports of the Airports Authority of India through long-term leasing route as and when found suitable. At the first instance, airports are Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata were taken up for this exercise. Considering certain-advantages of restructuring airports

through Joint Venture route over Leasing route, there is a proposal for restructuring the airports either through joint venture or through leasing.

Upgradation of Delhi and Mumbai airports

7. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the'Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set aside its proposal to privatise Mumbai and Delhi airports and to have direct investment for upgradation of these airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have created two separate groups/ companies to oversee the functioning of these airports; and

(d) if so, by when the groups are likely to submit their reports and what are the plans of Government for the upgradation of these airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Aircrafts with Indian Airlines

†8. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of aircrafts in the fleet of Indian Airlines alongwith the number of aircrafts wholly owned by Indian Airlines and those which have been hired;

(b) the age of the aircrafts wholly owned by Indian Airlines and whether they fulfil all international technical parameters; and

(c) what was the age of the aircrafts which had met with accidents during the last one decade?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.